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My beloved Friend:

How unspeakably pleasant it is to see your handwriting, and in an epistolary shape! I do not wonder that the old veterans under Napoleon I., on seeing his cocked hat and military coat and breeches, after his death, almost fancied that he occupied them as of old. Not that I mean to disparage you by likening you to Napoleon; for I do not think that you resemble him at all; and, to tell you the truth, I would not give one like you for a score like him. All that I intend is, that in whatever way the personal identity of any one dear to us is made manifest, it is the next thing to his personal presence.

I will readily comply with the request you make to furnish Hon. Henry Barnard with the facts pertaining to



the Banaan (N. H.) Academy, as soon as I can put my hand upon them. I have quite forgotten the year in which the modern Banaanites tried to throw the ancient ones into the shade on the score of depravity; and thus far I have examined the pages of the Liberator in vain, for the period you name. However, I shall continue to look for what is wanted until I find it. I am glad Mr. Barnard is engaged in preparing so interesting a work, and that you have so kindly helped to increase its interest by your contributions.

I am also very glad to learn that you have made an agreement with Fields, Osgood & Co. for the publication of your "Recollections of our Anti-Slavery Conflict." The work will be a merited tribute to some of those who were most conspicuous in that long and desperate struggle, and of whom, in their day and generation, "the world was not worthy." Of course, the list could be greatly extended; but this



is not necessary, and some regard must be had to the size and price of a volume to ensure a popular sale. I trust you will be pecuniarily remunerated for the task you have so well executed.

Not the first line of my long projected Anti-Slavery History is written! I have not yet wholly abandoned the idea of preparing it; but it is more than probable that nothing will come of it. Somehow or other, I feel no inspiration to attempt the task; and perhaps it is best that I should leave it to others to perform it.

You wish to know when the phrase, "Gentlemen of property and standing," was first used. It originated with Homer, the editor of the Boston Commercial Gazette, and was applied by him in his paper to the mobocrats of October 21, 1835.

I am sorry you are not to be here during our approaching Jubilee Week, so as to join in the general chorus; but am delighted (with my dear wife and the



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children) to be apprised of your intended coming next month. You will receive warm welcomes in all directions, but none more loving than at Rockledge. We shall confidently rely on your being with us a portion of the time.

There is no marked change in the condition or appearance of my dear wife. Last week she had a fainting turn which alarmed us somewhat, but which happily she got over <sup>it</sup> in a short time; and now she is herself again. Her crippled condition kept her a prisoner in the house all winter, and it is seldom she ventures out even at this pleasant season. Her patience and resignation are remarkable.

Mr. Villard, Fanny and the baby have been absent for some time on a visit to Wendell and Lucy at Orange, N. J., and do not expect to get home before the 20th inst. All is going well with them.

Wife sends her affectionate regards to you and Charlotte. So does

Your admiring friend, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.